# **INDEX**

### Α

Acoustics, see Noise and vibration

Adverse environmental effects, unavoidable, see under Environmental Consequences by resource topic

Aesthetics and visual resources, Section 3.9

Affected environment, 3.9-2-9

Discussion of resource, general, 3.9-2-3

Environmental consequences, 3.9-9–11

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.9-1–2

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.9-21-22

Regulatory requirements, 3.9-1

Resources by region, 3.9-3-9

Study area defined, 3.9-2

Subsequent analysis needed, 3.9-22-23

#### Affected environment

Aesthetics and visual resources, 3.9-2–9

Agricultural lands, 3.8-5-8

Air quality, 3.3-8-15

Biological resources and wetlands, 3.15-4-18

Cultural resources and paleontological resources, 3.12-1-3

Communities and neighborhoods, 3.7-5–10

EMI/EMF, 3.6-2-3

Energy, 3.5-7-13

Geology and soils, 3.13-4–7

Hazardous materials and wastes, 3.11-3

Hydrology and water resources, 3.14-3-8

Local land use, 3.7-5-10

Noise and Vibration, 3.4-7-14

Planning, 3.7-5-10

Parkland, 3.16-3-4

Public utilities, 3.10-3-5

Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources, 3.16-3-4

Socioeconomics, 3.7-5-10

Traffic and circulation, 3.1-4–7

Travel conditions, 3.2-4-6

# Agricultural Lands, Section 3.8

Affected environment, 3.8-5-8

Discussion of resource, general, 3.8-5

Environmental consequences, 3.5-8–3.8-11

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.8-3-5

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.8-18

Regulatory requirements, 3.8-1-2

Resources by region, 3.8-11–18





```
Study area defined, 3.8-3-5
    Subsequent analysis needed, 3.8-18
Air emissions, see Air quality; see also under names of individual pollutants
Air quality, Section 3.3
    Affected environment, 3.3-8-15
    Discussion of resource, general, 3.3-9-10
    Environmental consequences, 3.3-15-32
    Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.3-4-7
    Mitigation, strategies for, 3.3-33
    Regulatory requirements, 3.03-1-4
    Resources by air basin, 3.3-10-15
    Study area defined, 3.3-8-9
    Subsequent analysis needed, 3.3-33
Air quality regulations
    California, 3.3-1-2
    Federal, see Clean Air Act
Air travel
    Current demand, 1-7
    Growth, 1-7
    Projected demand, 1-7
Alignments, high-speed train, comparison and descriptions, Chapter 6
Alternatives, Chapter 2
    Analyzed in this document, 2-1
    Development of, 2-2-11
        Agency involvement in, 2-5-6
        Formulation of, 2-5-2-11
        Public involvement in, 2-5
        Scoping, 2-5
    High-speed train, 2-24-98
    Modal/System, 2-15-24
    No Project, 2-11-15
    Rejected from further consideration, 2-31-42
    Screening of, 2-8-11
Areas of known controversy, S-5—6
В
Background, see Project background and need
Bakersfield to Los Angeles region
```

Bakersfield to Los Angeles region
Aesthetics and visual resources in, 3.9-5–7
Agricultural lands, 3.8-7–8
Biological resources and wetlands in, 3.15-10–13
Cultural resources and paleontological resources in, 3.12-9–10
Communities and neighborhoods in, 3.7-8–9
Development in, 3.7-8–9
Geology and soils in, 3.13-11
Hazardous materials and wastes in, 3.11-5
Hydrology and water resources in, 3.14-7



Noise and vibration in, 3.4-13–14
Planning in, 3.7-8–9
Parkland in, 3.16-4
Public utilities in, 3.10-4
Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources in, 3.16-4
Socioeconomics in, 3.7-8–9
Traffic and circulation in, 3.1-6
Travel conditions in, 3.2-41–42

#### Bay Area to Merced region

Aesthetics and visual resources in, 3.9-4-5

Agricultural lands, 3.8-5-6

Biological resources and wetlands in, 3.15-6-8

Cultural resources and paleontological resources in, 3.12-8

Communities and neighborhoods in, 3.7-8-9

Development in, 3.7-8-9

Geology and soils in, 3.13-10

Hazardous materials and wastes in, 3.11-5

Hydrology and water resources in, 3.14-6

Noise and vibration in, 3.4-13

Planning in, 3.7-8-9

Parkland in, 3.16-3-4

Public utilities in, 3.10-4

Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources in, 3.16-3-4

Socioeconomics in, 3.7-8-9

Traffic and circulation in, 3.1-5–6

Travel conditions in, 3.2-38-39

Best management practices, see BMPs

Biological resources and wetlands, Section 3.15

Affected environment, 3.15-4-18

Discussion of resource, general, 3.15-5-6

Environmental consequences, 3.15-18-21

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.15-1-3

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.15-31-32

Regulatory requirements, 3.15-1

Resources by region, 3.15-6–18

Study area defined, 3.15-4-5

Subsequent analysis needed, 3.15-32-33

Breeding, 3.15-3

### C

CAA, see Clean Air Act

California Environmental Quality Act, see CEQA

California Fish and Game Code Sections 1601–1607, 3.15-1

Circulation, see Traffic and circulation, Section 3.1

Clean Air Act, 1-10



Conformity, transportation, see Transportation conformity

Costs and operations, see Chapter 4

Cultural resources and paleontological resources, Section 3.12

Affected environment, 3.12-1-3

Cultural resource categories, 3.12-6-7

Environmental consequences, 3.12-17-19

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.12-3-6

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.12-25-27

Regulatory requirements, 3.12-1-3

Resources by region, 3.12-8-17

Study area defined: Area of potential effect, 3.12-6

Subsequent analysis needed, 3.12-27-28

Cumulative impacts, see Section 3.17

CWA, see Clean Water Act

### D

Delay, travel, see Travel delay

Development of project alternatives, see under Alternatives

Distribution list, see Chapter 11

Dust, see PM10

#### Ε

Earthquake hazards, see Geology and Soils

Economic growth, see Chapter 5

Electrical service, see Public utilities

EMI/EMF, Section 3.6

Affected environment, 3.6-2-3

Discussion of resource, general, 3.6-2-3

Environmental consequences, 3.6-3-5

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.6-2

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.6-5

Potentially affected land uses and populations, 3.6-3

Regulatory requirements, 3.6-1

Study area defined, 3.6-2

Subsequent analysis needed, 3.6-5-6

Endangered Species Act, state, see California Endangered Species Act

Energy, Section 3.5

Affected environment, 3.5-7-13

Discussion of resource, general, 3.5-7-13

Environmental consequences, 3.5-12-14

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.5-2-6



Mitigation, strategies for, 3.5-23–24 Regulatory requirements, 3.5-1–2 Resources by region, 3.5-14–22 Study area defined, 3.5-6–7 Subsequent analysis needed, 3.5-24

Environmental conditions, see Affected environment

Environmental consequences

Aesthetics and visual resources, 3.9-9-11

Agricultural lands, 3.5-8–3.8-11

Air quality, 3.3-15-32

Biological resources and wetlands, 3.15-18-21

Cultural resources and paleontological resources, 3.12-17-19

Communities and neighborhoods, 3.7-11-12

Development, 3.7-11-12

EMI/EMF, 3.6-3-5

Energy, 3.5-12-14

Geology and soils, 3.13-7-9

Hazardous materials and wastes, 3.11-3-5

Hydrology and water resources, 3.14-9-12

Local land use, 3.7-11-12

Noise and vibration, 3.4-15-16

Planning, 3.7-11-12

Parkland, 3.16-4-6

Public utilities, 3.10-5–7

Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources, 3.16-4-6

Socioeconomics, 3.7-11-12

Traffic and circulation, 3.1-7–13

Travel conditions, 3.2-6-37

Environmental effects, Environmental impacts, see Environmental consequences

Environmental justice, see Section 3.7

Environmental setting, see Affected Environment

### F

Federal Clean Water Act, see Clean Water Act

Fish and Game Code, see California Fish and Game Code

Funding, see Project funding

#### G

Geology and Soils, Section 3.13

Affected environment, 3.13-4-7

Discussion of resource, general, 3.13-4-6

Environmental consequences, 3.13-7–9

Geology and geomorphology by region, 3.13-6-7

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.13-1-4

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.13-13-14

Regulatory requirements, 3.13-1



Study area defined, 3.13-4 Subsequent analysis needed, 3.13-14

## Н

Hazardous materials and wastes, Section 3.11
Affected environment, 3.11-3
Environmental consequences, 3.11-3–5
Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.11-1–3
Mitigation, strategies for, 3.11-5
Regulatory requirements, 3.11-1
Resources by region, 3.11-3
Study area defined, 3.11-3
Subsequent analysis needed. 3.11-5–6

Hazardous materials regulations Federal, 3.11-1

Federal, 3.11-1 State, 3.11-1

Hazardous waste, see Hazardous materials and wastes

High-Speed Rail Authority, see California High-Speed Rail Authority

High-speed train system
Alternatives considered, S-3–4
Need for, 1-4–11
Purpose of, 1-3–4

Hydrology and water resources, Section 3.14
Affected environment, 3.14-3–8
Discussion of resource, general, 3.14-3–5
Environmental consequences, 3.14-9–12
Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.14-2–3
Mitigation, strategies for, 3.14-18–19
Regulatory requirements, 3.14-1–2
Resources by region, 3.14-6–8
Study area defined, 3.14-3
Subsequent analysis needed, 3.14-20

#### Ι

Impacts, see Environment Consequences by resource

Inhalable particulate matter, see PM10

Intercity transportation Defined, 1-1 System capacity, 1-7

Issues of known controversy, see Areas of known controversy

# K

Known controversy, see Areas of known controversy



### L

Level of service (LOS), see Traffic and circulation, Section 3.1

Local land use, Section 3.7

Affected environment, 3.7-5–10

Environmental consequences, 3.7-11-12

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.7-1-5

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.7-26-27

Regulatory requirements, 3.7-1

Resources by region, 3.7-5-10

Study area defined, 3.7-5

Subsequent analysis needed, 3.7-27

### Los Angeles to San Diego region

Via the Inland Empire

Aesthetics and visual resources in, 3.9-7-8

Biological resources and wetlands in, 3.15-13-16

Cultural resources and paleontological resources in, 3.12-10

Communities and neighborhoods in, 3.7-9-10

Development in, 3.7-9-10

Farmland and agriculture in, 3.8-8

Geology and soils in, 3.13-11-12

Hazardous materials and wastes in, 3.11-5

Hydrology and water resources in, 3.14-7-8

Noise and vibration in, 3.4-14

Planning in, 3.7-9-10

Parkland in, 3.16-4

Public utilities in, 3.10-4-5

Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources in, 3.16-4

Socioeconomics in, 3.7-9-10

Traffic and circulation in, 3.1-6

Travel conditions in, 3.2-42-43

#### Via Orange County

Aesthetics and visual resources in, 3.9-8-9

Biological resources and wetlands in, 3.15-16-18

Cultural resources and paleontological resources in, 3.12-10-11

Communities and neighborhoods in, 3.7-10

Development in, 3.7-10

Farmland and agriculture in, 3.8-8

Geology and soils in, 3.13-12

Hazardous materials and wastes in, 3.11-5

Hydrology and water resources in, 3.14-8

Noise and vibration in, 3.4-14

Planning in, 3.7-10

Parkland in, 3.16-4

Public utilities in, 3.10-5

Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources in, 3.16-4

Socioeconomics in, 3.7-10

Traffic and circulation in, 3.1-6

Travel conditions in, 3.2-43-45



# M

Mitigation, strategies for, see under individual resource area in

# Ν

National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, 3.12-1

Native American consultation, 3.12-3

Need for project, 1-4-11

No Action Alternative, see No Project Alternative

No Project Alternative, 2-11-2-15

NOI, see Notice of intent

Noise and Vibration, Section 3.4

Affected environment, 3.4-7–14

Discussion of resource, general, 3.4-7–12

Environmental consequences, 3.4-15-16

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.4-2-7

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.4-24-26

Regulatory requirements, 3.4-1–2

Resources by region, 3.4-12-14

Study area defined, 3.4-7

Subsequent analysis needed, 3.4-26-27

Notice of intent, 2-5

Notice of preparation, 2-5

NOP, see Notice of preparation

### 0

Objectives, see Project objectives

Organization of this document

#### P

Paleontological resources, see Cultural resources and paleontological resources

Parklands, see Local land use, Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources, Section 3.16

Particulate matter, see PM10

Particulates, see PM10

Planning, see Local land use

PM10, 3.3-1

Population and housing, see Local land use

Population increases, projected, 1-5



Projected ridership 1-7

Projected travel demand, 1-5

Public services, see Public utilities below

Public Utilities, Section 3.10

Affected environment, 3.10-3-5

Discussion of resource, general, 3.10-3

Environmental consequences, 3.10-5–7

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.10-2-3

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.10-11

Regulatory requirements, 3.10-1-2

Resources by region, 3.10-4-5

Study area defined, 3.10-3

Subsequent analysis needed, 3.10-11-12

Purpose of project, 1-3-1-4

### R

Reliability

Defined, 1-9

of high-speed train systems

### S

Sacramento to Bakersfield region

Aesthetics and visual resources in, 3.9-5

Agricultural lands, 3.8-6-7

Biological resources and wetlands in, 3.15-8–10

Cultural resources and paleontological resources in, 3.12-8-9

Communities and neighborhoods in, 3.7-7-8

Development in, 3.7-7-8

Geology and soils in, 3.13-10-11

Hazardous materials and wastes in, 3.11-5

Hydrology and water resources in, 3.14-6-7

Noise and vibration in, 3.4-13

Planning in, 3.7-7-8

Parkland in, 3.16-4

Public utilities in, 3.10-4

Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources in, 3.16-4

Socioeconomics in, 3.7-7-8

Traffic and circulation in, 3.1-6

Travel conditions in, 3.2-40-41

Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources, Section 3.16

Affected environment, 3.16-3-4

Defined, 3.16-1

Discussion of resource, general, 3.16-3

Environmental consequences, 3.16-4-6

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.16-2

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.16-11-12

Regulatory requirements, 3.16-1-2



Resources by region, 3.16-3–4 Study area defined, 3.16-3 Subsequent analysis needed, 3.16-12–13

Seismic hazards, see Geology and soils

Seismicity, see Geology and soils

Social environment, see Local land use

Socioeconomics, see Local land use, Section 3.7

Soils, see Geology and soils

Streambed Alteration Agreement, see California Fish and Game Code, Sections 1601–1607

Study regions

See under name of individual study region

Superfund Act, see Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

# T

Traffic and circulation, Section 3.1

Affected environment, 3.1-4-7

Discussion of resource, general, 3.1-5

Environmental consequences, 3.1-7–13

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.1-2-4

Mitigation, strategies for, 3.1-23-24

Regulatory requirements, 3.1-1-2

Resources by region, 3.1-5-6

Study area defined, 3.1-4

Subsequent analysis needed, 3.1-24

Travel conditions, Section 3.2

Affected environment, 3.2-4-6

Discussion of travel conditions, general, 3.2-4-6

Environmental consequences, 3.2-6–37

High-speed train alignment options comparison by region, 3.2-37–45

Method of evaluation of impacts, 3.2-1-4

Study area defined, 3.2-4

Travel time

Defined, 1-8

Between city pairs, estimated (air), 1-8

Between city pairs, estimated (conventional rail), 1-8

Between city pairs, estimated (auto), 1-8

Transportation, see Traffic and circulation, Section 3.1, see also under names of individual roadways

### U

UBC, see Uniform Building Code



### ٧

Vibration, *see* Noise and Vibration
Visual resources, *see* Aesthetics and visual resources

# W

Weather, see Climate

Wetlands, see Biological Resources and wetlands